

HOUSE No. 1108

By Mr. Vallee of Franklin, petition of James E. Vallee for legislation to further define the term “foundation enrollment” for calculation of financial assistance for public schools. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO IMPROVING PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT CALCULATIONS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The definition of “foundation enrollment”, as appearing in
2 section one of chapter seventy of the General Laws, is hereby
3 amended by striking out said definition and inserting in place
4 thereof the following definition:—
5 “Foundation enrollment”, the student enrollment of a district in
6 any fiscal year. The foundation enrollment is defined as the sum
7 of foundation elementary, junior high, senior high, bilingual, and
8 vocational enrollment, plus one-half of the foundation pre-school
9 and kindergarten enrollment. By March first of each calendar
10 year, the department shall estimate the foundation enrollment for
11 the next fiscal year by adjusting actual enrollment in each cate-
12 gory as reported the previous October, by the average of the
13 annual pure cohort coefficients computed from the three previous
14 years’ actual enrollment figures in that category in the district. If
15 the actual foundation enrollment does not conform to the esti-
16 mated enrollment by November thirtieth of the school year for
17 which the estimation was submitted, the municipality shall report
18 the actual figure to the department who shall correct state assis-
19 tance and foundation budget levels to reflect the actual enroll-
20 ment.